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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/617,620	Applicant(s) TROTT ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael C. Wimer	Art Unit 2828	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-9 and 12-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-9 and 12-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10/14/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-4,6-9,12-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding Claim 1, lines 4 and 13, it appears that "the" should be --than--.

In line 18, it appears that "of" should be inserted after "surface".

Lines 24-25 are not at all understood. It is unclear if all language should have been deleted or that some language is omitted.

In Claim 9, there is no proper antecedent basis for "the substrates".

Regarding Claim 15, lines 11-12 are not entirely understood because the feed circuits appear to be on the second, opposing surface, behind the first surface.

Figure 2 shows the radiators on the first surface and the feeder portion 108 is shown opposite on the second surface of the cavity plate 12. Clarification is required in order to properly define the invention.

Claim 17 depends from itself.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1,4,6,9 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dujmovic (6771226).

Regarding Claims 1,4,6 and 9, Dujmovic shows in Figures 1 and 3, for example, a wideband antenna 10 comprised of two pairs of perpendicular notch radiators 16,18 and 20,22 having coincident phase centers and fed with coaxial cables and balun (col. 1, lines 11-55), forming a balanced symmetrical feed, all structure arranged as claimed. The bandwidth ratio of 3:1 does not appear to be specifically set forth by Dujmovic. However, such a wide bandwidth is easily achieved by the wide band device of Dujmovic. Thus a skilled artisan would have found it obvious to provide in a particular antenna design, particularly since flared elements are inherently wideband. As to Claim 9, quarter wavelength resonance is widely accepted in antenna length, and thus obvious to the skilled antenna artisan.

5. Claims 7,8 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dujmovic (6771226) as applied to claims 1 and 6 above, and further in view of Chu et al. (5557291).

Regarding Claims 7 and 8, Chu et al are cited as resolving the level of ordinary skill in the antenna art and shows Vivaldi radiators mounted on substrates.

These types of radiators are the same ones referred to by Dujmovic in column 1 of that patent. It would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to provide dielectric substrates for antenna support as taught in this art.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2,3 and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 15-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims of record have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wimer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1833. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minsun O. Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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